

Krum First United Methodist Church Council

2018 September Meeting Minutes

Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17

Present: Rev. Kevin McClain, Bryan Nolan, Gary Kennedy, Leo Hicks, Vicki Whitmer, Shane Reneau, Connie Miller, Norma Bailey, Jane Daughhetee, Rev. Kevin McLain and Cindy Breeding

Absent: Tim Jones and Floyd Rosenkranz

The meeting at a glance

- **Council voted by email on Aug. 24 to replace air conditioning compressor for \$1,800.**
- **Council voted by email to accept a single-page “hold harmless” form for volunteers who rent plots in the community garden and the cleaning crew.**
- **Council voted online Aug. 9 to decline an offer of wooden church pews.**
- **Council voted to allow Access Bank employees only to use church parking lot during construction of the new bank facility.**

Church business

- So far, there is no one heading up a historical committee. Connie will reframe the history initiative and wall-posted church timeline as an invitation to people to bring photos, information and important recollections to the church to be collated. Cindy will look for historical information from the Denton Record-Chronicle archives. Connie won't be able to take on the history project.
- Kevin recommended the council table the second part of the conflict resolution workshop. Rev. Jacob Fields couldn't be at the meeting to lead it.
- Bryan will follow up with Connie in completing nonprofit declaration paperwork.

Budget

- The church holds \$30,000 in the Money Market account. There is also a CD worth \$35,000 generated from the sale of the parsonage. This CD can only be used for capital improvements.
- This month, the church has brought in \$5,000, and has spent \$1,800 on HVAC repair & maintenance.
- Reports are due to the North Texas Conference by Wednesday, Oct. 31.
- Gary Kennedy suggested the council have a church conference immediately after church on Sunday, Oct. 14 to inform the congregation of the financial situation. Gary suggested the council prepare a simple report - Vicki Whitmer said a full report would be confusing for the congregation, but that the council always has the full reports available.
- Connie, Leo and Bryan will meet to prepare a breakdown of savings and projected costs for the coming budget year.
- The council discussed cost savings measures - volunteers replacing babysitting staff (any adult who has cleared ministry safe training and background check is suitable to volunteer.)

- When the church gets numbers at the end of September, the council can draw up a projection for the 2019 budget. Once we have projections for 2019, we will have to determine what ministry areas can be curtailed.
- There was confusion and questions regarding the cost of the church's water usage. Sprinklers have been off. Leo suggested the council audit water usage to gauge how much water is going to plants, and how much is going to the community garden as this was an activity Dave Murdock once covered.
- Vicki has nearly finished revising a rental agreement for the church that can be sent to legal for final review. This form would be applied where outside parties, i.e. – non-church members/general public, request use of the church and/or property facilities.
- Meet-up groups are on hold until the Hold Harmless form is completed, legally-reviewed/revised and approved so that children and teens can participate in compliance with Ministry Safe requirements.
- Non-members who work in the community garden will have to sign first page only of the Hold Harmless agreement as there are extenuating circumstances wherein parent and children both work in the garden alone, which contradicts Ministry Safe requirements. (The example brought forth related to a CDO teacher who is MS-certified working a garden plot with her son on a weekend day.)

Apple Back to School Ministry review & post mortem

- Jane Daughhettee: We assembled 171 backpacks, 168 backpacks were given to Krum families. We received a wonderful donation of \$208 from the congregation. We also received supplies and much volunteer effort from the First Baptist Church of Krum (\$1309 in supplies, storage of the school supplies and much needed volunteer effort, especially from Denise Spivey) and First United Bank and their employees (tons of pens and pencils with employees bundling pencils for ease of distribution). Expenses were \$5,878.07; ending inventory was \$749.47 for a balance of \$5,432.12.

Building & grounds

- Update on HVAC issues. Each unit has a mechanism called a “float switch” that sits in each condensation pan. In the event that condensate pools and submerges the switch, the unit is automatically shut off. Due to age, the switches failed and shut off the AC. Bryan said the switches will be replaced (for less than \$50 each). In the interim, the switches have been temporarily bypassed. Also: Another compressor seems to be going out. The repair technician hosed off the compressor to clear it out. If the circuit breaker trips more two or three times per day, it will likely need to be replaced. The units are nine years old.
- Connie discovered that ProPresenter, the software that creates the content shown on sanctuary screens, is expired and can't be transferred to a new laptop (New ProPresenter software is \$399 a month) Connie can no longer use the computer in the tech booth - it crashes so frequently it adds time to her work week. Connie has figured out a way to get remote access to the church computer from home. She will report back on how the remote access works.
- Access Bank is building a new building and requested that bank personnel only be allowed to use the church parking lot during business days/hours. Leo moved that the church allow Access Bank crews to use the church parking lot during the day. Gary

seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. (Access Bank has purported to pledge a contribution to the church for the use of our parking lot.)

Children's Day Out report

- Connie is coordinating worship and lessons for CDO students. A worship session and lesson, with animations and visuals on Pro-Presenter, will focus and calm the children - plus fulfill our mission to CDO children.
- \$702 was the final cost on carpet cleaning in CDO classrooms and hallways.
- Finances were also addressed.
- The fire alarm and phone bills have come down by \$50 a month after Connie reviewed and tweaked our accounts.
- This is the landscaper's last month is September, and the Boy Scouts will plant flowers around the church sign out front.
- An all-church work day will be Oct. 6. We have enough cleaning and sorting to do for a work day, and the air return vents are in desperate need of a cleaning.

Congregational Care report

- No volunteers are signing up to take a week to two weeks on congregational care. Gary and Becky Kennedy contacted the Russells, who didn't need any help, but appreciated being contacted. Gary suggested changing the messaging around the congregational care team to communicate that all the members of the church are part of the congregational care ministry. Everyone should keep an eye on the prayer list and reach out to people on it. We commend Helen Reneau for making regular visits to Homer Faulkner, her work is definitely well appreciated.
- Jane Daughhettee said the reading program needs seven more readers for the tutorial program, and a man would be appreciated on the team.
- Visitor gift bags will include church information. The church will not purchase Upper Room literature for visitor bags.
- Caitlyn Richardson, Jeri's granddaughter, will bake cookies each Sunday for children's church.

Small Church Initiative

- Kevin said the nominations team will meet to nominate four new council members for the one-year terms. The nominations will replace outgoing members Floyd Rosenkranz, Shane Reneau, Gary Kennedy and Vicki Whitmer. The new one-year terms start January 2019.
- Kevin said there is no news on the joint youth group with Blue Mound UMC, but Mary Crouse has done an outstanding job of reaching out and attracting teens for the renewed youth group. She's invited even more teens to gather for a fun day at Main Event.
- Mary refreshed the decorations and design for the teen room. The council complimented Mary on her initiative and her creativity.
- Leo said the council needs to make sure youth group leaders understand that the group has \$400 in the budget - anything over that will require fundraising. Norma has requested receipts to reconcile the youth group budget and get all the information update. The youth group now has a cubby cleared in the office.